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TOPIC 1. Polish Troops in Ciechanow

2. KTM Unit in Katowice

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to the first part of February 1951, the only barracks installation in Ciechanow (R 53/K 76) quartered a Polish unit with [redacted]. The soldiers [redacted] referred to the unit as the 11th Regt. The old installation was located on the northeastern perimeter of the city, on the east side of ul. Przasnyszka. Five multi-storied red brick buildings, four of which served as billets and one as a regimental headquarters building, faced this street. Other billets, some of which were not yet reconstructed by early 1951, were located farther to the rear of the barracks area. Stables were also observed. Several large storehouse-like brick buildings adjoined the installation to the north, along the road to Katy (R 53/K 76).

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2. [redacted] regiment was somehow connected with an agency in Plock (Q 53/K 12). No details were specified. All the soldiers were young men on active duty. They wore brownish gray uniforms. Returning from the maneuvers they were seen wearing boots and breeches. In the post area and at combat practice, however, they constantly wore long trousers with laced shoes and buckled puttees. Triangular patches bordered by a thin silver cord were mounted on the blouse buttoning at the front. The epaulets were the same color as the blouse. Soldiers off duty were observed wearing service caps with yellowish brown bands. The collar patches were the same color. About 100 recruits arrived at the post in October 1950. Approximately the same number of reservists were discharged. Neither Soviet officers nor Soviet instruction personnel were attached to the unit.

3. The regiment was equipped with a large number of saddle horses. Returning from the 1950 maneuvers, the men were on horseback. Pack horses carrying drums with telephone cables were also seen at that time. Horse-drawn dump carts were used to transport supplies. Only a limited number of single motor vehicles, one ambulance, and an unidentified number of trucks and sedans were observed on the same occasion. At practice near the barracks installation, the unit had no horses. The practices were confined to infantry combat training. *

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4. Besides the army unit, a motorized KEM unit, approximately the size of a company, also belonged to the post. It was located in the southern sector of the city, in two single-story brick buildings, on the south side of ul. Orilska, west of the cemetery. Marching out in the direction of Przasnysz (R 54/K 97), the men generally joined another unit from the vicinity of Ciechanow. About 24 vehicles were observed with the two units. The soldiers carried only rifles and submachine guns. In 1950, guerilla activities were still observed in the area around Ciechanow. [redacted] raid on a government-controlled sugar factory, another raid on the stores of a cooperative society, the murder of a Party functionary, and a plot to sabotage the fast train from Warsaw. ** 25X1
5. The military district headquarters was located in the building of the former German Wehrmacht (recruiting office), on the north side of ul. Orilska, almost opposite the KEM billets. The UB district office was located on the east side of ul. Gen Zemborskiego, south of the ring, north of the county administration building. The MO district office was located on Kosciuszki Square.
6. [redacted] a member of the 1928 class, was inducted in the spring of 1950 for military duty with a KEM unit in Osterode (Q 54/R 25). He was still at the same post in February 1951.
- * [redacted] Comment. A previous report [redacted] stated that the men of this unit wore red cap bands. [redacted] It is fairly definitely believed that the unit is a cavalry unit, since a previous report of November 1950 referred also to the unit in Plock, which is connected with the unit concerned, as cavalry. [redacted] Previous reports mentioned number 11 only in connection with the 11th Inf Regt, which belongs to the 4th Inf Div. The 4th Inf Div is believed to be located in the Krotoszyn area.
- ** [redacted] Comment. Previous information on a KEM company is confirmed by the present report. [redacted]

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